

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON



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MEMORANDUM

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To: Mr. Peveril Meigs, JISPB

Subject: Financing of JANIS Name Work for 1948.

Mr. Evans has forwarded to me the draft of JISPB 10 of June 30 for comment.

Although recognizing the force of the arguments for continuing the use of BGN for place name checking and name editing, the Department is unable to concur, at least so far as it is concerned, in the second recommendation that the cost of this service be borne pro rata by the agencies represented on JISPB. The reasons for that are as follows:

(a) The place name checking and name editing is essentially a function of the editorial element of the JANIS projects and has not been undertaken by the contributors of the political section or the map appraisal section (State Department contributions) in the past.

(b) As you probably know, a revision of the JIC Charter is soon to be accomplished which, among other things, will have the effect of eliminating the Department of State from the JIC; that, in turn, raises the question of continued Departmental participation in the sub-committees of the JIC.

(c) Finally, owing to the reduction in funds for the current fiscal year for the intelligence organization of the Department, it has become necessary to arrange for the transfer of the Department's personnel contribution to

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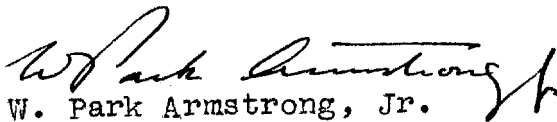
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JISPB to the Central Intelligence Group as of July 1, 1947. With this transfer, it may be assumed, will go the responsibility for authorizing any contingent or real liabilities in respect to the production of JANIS or its successor.

Accordingly, I suggest that plans for the current year's production of JANIS should omit any dependence upon the contribution of funds by the Department of State.


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